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MARLON I. BROWN, DPA
DIRECTOR

April 1, 2024

Tawnya Ebels
Prevailing Grace, LLC
292 E Falmouth Rd
Falmouth, MI 49632

RE: License #: AM570388583
Investigation #: 2024A0870020
Quiet Creek AFC

Dear Ms. Ebels:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the violations identified in the report, a written corrective action plan was required. On March 27, 2024, you submitted an acceptable written corrective action plan. It is expected that the corrective action plan be implemented within the specified time frames as outlined in the approved plan.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (231) 922-5309.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce A. Messer".

Bruce A. Messer, Licensing Consultant
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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AM570388583
Investigation #:	2024A0870020
Complaint Receipt Date:	03/27/2024
Investigation Initiation Date:	03/27/2024
Report Due Date:	05/26/2024
Licensee Name:	Prevailing Grace, LLC
Licensee Address:	292 E Falmouth Rd Falmouth, MI 49632
Licensee Telephone #:	(231) 826-0020
Administrator:	Tawnya Ebels
Licensee Designee:	Tawnya Ebels
Name of Facility:	Quiet Creek AFC
Facility Address:	292 E Falmouth Rd Falmouth, MI 49632
Facility Telephone #:	(231) 826-0020
Original Issuance Date:	01/02/2018
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	07/02/2022
Expiration Date:	07/01/2024
Capacity:	12
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Staff member Irma Hunt accepted and kept money from Resident A.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

03/27/2024	Special Investigation Intake 2024A0870020
03/27/2024	APS Referral This referral came from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, protective services centralized intake unit. They noted that they had declined to assign this for Adult Protective Services investigation.
03/27/2024	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site Interview with Licensee Designee Tawnya Ebels and Resident A.
03/27/2027	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
03/27/2024	Exit Conference Completed with Licensee Designee Tawnya Ebels.
03/27/2024	Corrective Action Plan Requested and Due on 03/27/2024.
03/27/2024	Corrective Action Plan Received
03/27/2024	Corrective Action Plan Approved

ALLEGATION: Staff member Irma Hunt accepted and kept money from Resident A.

INVESTIGATION: On March 25, 2024, Licensee Designee Tawnya Ebels called to inform me that one of her staff members, Irma Hunt, was given cash by Resident A. She informed me that she had terminated the employment of Ms. Hunt that same day. I instructed Ms. Ebels to make a report to law enforcement and to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Adult Protective Services.

On March 27, 2024, I conducted an on-site special investigation at the Quite Creek AFC home. Ms. Ebels and I discussed the circumstances concerning the above allegation. She stated that Resident A gave staff member Irma Hunt cash on two separate occasions. Ms. Ebels noted the amount of money that Resident A gave to

staff member Irma Hunt totaled \$497. She noted that on March 25, 2024, Resident A had mentioned to her that he had given Ms. Hunt some money, and that Ms. Hunt later then asked Resident A if he would give her more. Ms. Ebels stated she did not know the date this happened. She stated that she terminated Ms. Hunt's employment at the AFC home that same day, March 25, 2024. Ms. Ebels informed me that the Missaukee County Sheriff's Office had interviewed Resident A on March 27, 2024. She also stated she had communicated with all her staff members that Licensing rules prohibit any staff from accepting money from facility residents. Ms. Ebels noted her company will reimburse Resident A the full \$497 that he gave to Ms. Hunt.

On March 27, 2024, I conducted an interview with Resident A at the facility. Ms. Ebels was present during this interview. Resident A stated that staff member Irma Hunt was discussing "her financial problems" with him and he offered her some money to help her, which she took. He further stated that she later "asked for more money" which she then took from his wallet. Ms. Ebels and I informed Resident A that he was "not in any trouble", as he expressed concern that he might "be in trouble", and that the facility would reimburse him for the money he gave to Ms. Hunt. I also explained that it is against AFC Licensing rules for any staff member to accept, take or borrow money from a facility resident. Resident A noted that he now understands this and was grateful to know he would be reimbursed for the money he gave to Ms. Hunt.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14315	Handling of resident funds and valuables.
	(10) A licensee, administrator, direct care staff, other employees, volunteers under the direction of the licensee, and members of their families shall not accept, take, or borrow money or valuables from a resident, even with the consent of the resident.
ANALYSIS:	<p>Licensee Designee Tawnya Ebels stated that Resident A informed her that he gave staff member Irma Hunt a total of \$497 over two occasions.</p> <p>Resident A stated that he gave staff member Irma Hunt money on two occasions.</p> <p>Direct care staff member Irma Hunt did accept and/or take money from Resident A.</p>
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

On March 27, 2024, I provided Licensee Designee Tawnya Ebels with an exit conference. I explained my finding as noted above. Ms. Ebels stated she understood, that she had no further information to provide, and that she had no further questions pertaining to this special investigation. Ms. Ebels provided a written corrective action plan following the exit conference. It is noted that a component of the corrective action plan is that Resident A will be reimbursed \$497 within one week.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

An acceptable corrective action plan has been submitted. I recommend the status of the license remain unchanged.

 April 1, 2024

Bruce A. Messer
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

 April 1, 2024

Jerry Hendrick
Area Manager

Date